Collision between Aircrafts of Air India and Jet Airways

1898. SHRI NARAIN PRASAD GUPTA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news report published in the Independent English daily of Bombay on November 25th, 1993 regarding the near collision of Jet airways with Air India aircraft at Bombay airport on November 8, 1993.

(b) if so, the details of the case and the steps taken by Government to avoid recurrence to such incidents; and

(c) the action taken against the private airline and its pilot for negligence and the reward given to the air India pilot as well as the airport authorities /staff for the incident revealed that the two aircraft being vigilant?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The incident had occured on 11-10-93 and not on 8-11-93 as mentioned in the news report. Investigation into the incident revealed that the two aircraft were not involved in near collision. There was, however, some mishandling by the Air Traffic Controller. The pilot of Jet Airways also did not monitor the air traffic control instructions.

Action has been initiated by the Director General of Civil Aviation against the Jet Airways pilot. The National Airports Authority has been advised to take suitable action in the matter. Air India has been advised to take action against the pilot of Air India flight for giving inappropriate suggestions to the Air Traffic Controller.

Expansion of Airport in Andhra Pradesh

1899. SHRI NARREDDY THULASI REDDY:

SHRI P. UPENDRA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to develop and expand Hyderabad, Vijayawada (Gannevaram) and Visakhapatnam airports in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) Work of expansion and modification of terminal building, construction of a new integrated terminal block, resurfacing of runway and augmentation of navigational/landing aids are in progress at the Hyderabad airport.

The National Airports Authority (NAA) has a proposal to develop Vijayawada airport for B-737 operations. However, due to financial constraints the project is held in abeyance.

VISAKHAPATNAM aircraft belongs to Indian Navy. NAA has recently provided there a Precision Approach Path Indicator. Due to financial constraints NAA has no plan at present to provide further facilities there.

औरंगाबाद हवाई अड्डे पर चार्टर्ड विमानों को उतारा जाना

1900. **श्री सुशील कुमार संभाजीराव शिन्दे**: क्या **नागर विमानन और पर्यटन** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार अजंता और एलोरा आने वाले विदेशी पर्यटकों की संख्या को ध्यान में रखते हुए चार्टर्ड विमानों को औरंगाबाद हवाई अड्डे पर उतारे जाने की अनुमति प्रदान करने पर विचार कर रही है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं?

नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री (श्री गुलाम नबी आजाद): (क) से (ग) औरंगाबाद हवाई अड्डे पर सीमा शुल्क/आव्रजन सुविधा सुविधाएं नहीं है और इसलिए इस समय पर्यटक

चार्टर उड़ानों के लिए इस हवाई अड्डे का उपयोग नहीं किया जा सकता तथापि, वे चार्टर उड़ानें सीमा शुल्क और आव्रजन संबंधी सुविधाओं वाले हवाई अड्डों से जांच कराने के बाद औरंगाबाद आ सकती हैं।

Technical check up at IA Aircrafts

1901. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 9 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 2nd December, 1993 and state :

(a) for how many years the Airbus-300 has been put into service since its manufacture ;

(b) what is the average length of airworthiness of Airbus 300 ; and

(c) whether the system of technical check up of the Indian Airlines Aircrafts is fool proof ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) Airbus 300 aircraft in the Indian Airlines fleet are of different years of manufacture the oldest of 1976 and latest of 1982.

(b) Manufacturers have not prescribed any specific life span of Airbus A 300 which can operate as long as they are certified as airworthy by the regulatory authorities.

(c) The Maintenance Check Schedules of Indian Airlines aircraft are formulated in consultation with the manufacturer and approved by the Director General of Civil Aviation.

Flight of private Airlines on subsidised routes

1902. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is obligatory for the private Airline companies to fly on subsidised routes like Calcutta-Agartala, Calcutta-Silchar etc ;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor ; and

(c) if the reply to part (a) above be in the affirmative, on which subsidised routes the private Airlines are flying their aircrafts ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) to (c) As per the existing guidlines, Air Taxi Operators can operate to any domestic airport to which scheduled services operate. Government is not giving any subsidy either to Indian Airlines or Air Taxi Operators for operating flights on any sector.

Constitution of Core Committee to Boost Tourism

1903. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a core committee has been constituted to draw up a plan for refurbishing national monuments in a bid to boost tourism ;

(b) if so, whether Hampi in Karnataka the apex centre of Vijayanagar Kingdom is also included in the proposal ; and

(c) if so, when the project is likely to be commenced.

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) to (c) The Government is contemplating to set up a core committee of Secretaries to evolve a plan of action for co-ordinated improvement, refurbishment and maintenance of selected monuments in the country. The decision regarding various sites would be taken by the committee, when constituted.

Projects for Tourism Development

1904. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of projects for tourism development sent by the State/Union Territory Government during Seventh Five Year Plan which are still awaiting sanction of the Central Government ;